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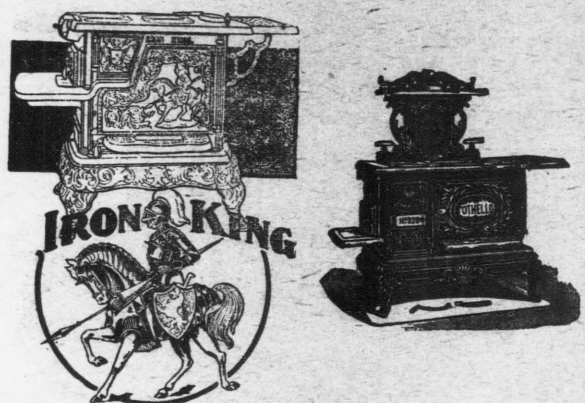
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In view of the uncertainty as to when we will have Anthracite coal, the price at which coal will sell, and the consequently decreased demand for stoves, we have decided to make the greatest cut in prices of all stoves, both Heating and Cook, (except wood and oil heaters) that has ever been made by any dealer in Middletown or in this community. We have the largest and completest variety of the best stoves manufactured. All bought for cash down, and previously to the last two advances in prices. These stoves we will offer to cash buyers at rates the nearest to manufacturers' wholesale prices that have been heard of here.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1st, 1902. CONGRESS is again in session. With strong Republican majorities in both chambers and with a Republican President in the White House there will be no obstacles to the enactment of such legislation as is essential to the nation's welfare and there will be time for little more during the current session. When Speaker Henderson lifted the gavel to call the House to order at noon to-day, he was treated to an ovation for it was realized that it was the last time that he would open a session of the House of Representatives. Before the opening, however, a similar ovation had been given to Representative Cannon who is regarded as the assured Speaker of the next House and many hearty congratulations were extended. The House presented a brilliant scene for some time before the hour of noon. The galleries were filled with brightly dressed women and the floral tributes sent to the Representatives were many and beautiful. The scene was not without its somber side, however, for three desks in the lower chamber were draped with crepe and covered with flowers. They were those formerly occupied by Representatives Russell of Connecticut, and DeCraff, enred and Sheppard of Texas. Out of respect to the memories of these members the House adjourned before receiving the President's message which will be sent to the Capitol at noon to-morrow.

Even more brilliant was the scene in the Senate when President Frye, brought down his gavel and announced that the second session of the fifty-seventh Congress was now in session. Immediately Senator Burrows rose to announce the death of his late colleague; Senator McMillan and to present General Alger who has been appointed to fill the late Senator's unexpired term. Only the sad nature of Senator Burrows first announcement prevented the new Senator being greeted with cheers and when he had taken the oath of office, his new colleagues crowded about him to extend congratulations on the vindication which the General predicted would be his when he departed from Washington after resigning the portfolio of war. Almost immediately the Chair recognized Senator Burrows again who then moved that, as a mark of respect to his late colleague, the Senate adjourn and adjournment was taken until noon to-morrow. This is the third successive time that the receipt of the President's message has been postponed by death. One year ago, Congress adjourned out of respect to President McKinley, and the year before it was out of respect to Vice-President Hobart. As this fact was marked, some of the older senators shook their heads and asked each other, "Who will be the next?"

Even this early in the session it may be said with every assurance that there will be no tariff revision before the 4th of March. Senator Frye and Representative Payne have both assured their correspondents of this fact and there is no one more competent to speak. Even Senator Hansbrough, who represents the tariff revision sentiment of the Northwest, says that there will be no time for tariff revision during the short session. Senator Frye predicts that there will be anti-trust legislation which will be in the nature of an amendment to the Sherman law and will conform to the recommendations of Attorney General Knox as they were voiced in his now famous Pittsburgh speech. Mr. Frye said that he could see no possible objection to such legislation and that he believed Congress stood ready to amend the law as to make it meet those requirements which the Attorney General had learned from experience to be essential.

Referring to tariff revision, Senator Hansbrough said to-day, "The Dingley law is not a sacred institution. It may be, and I think it should be, revised at an early date. Nobody believes that the policy of protection is to be overthrown in this country but it must be judiciously applied from time to time to meet changing conditions. There is no reason to fear a panic or anything approaching hard time even if the tariff is revised by its friends. The making of a tariff bill, however, with its four thousand or more articles to be considered, is a tremendous task. It cannot be done during a short session. The most we may hope for, this session, is the ratification of one or two of the least objectionable reciprocity treaties. There should be no delay in reaching a proper agreement with Cuba, not that we 'owe Cuba' but that we owe ourselves much. General tariff revision, however, is altogether a different matter. Congress must have ample time before it when a tariff law is to be enacted. It should have a long session, or better still, an extra session when Congress can pay particular attention to the business in hand."

A vigorous effort is to be made early in the session to secure the passage of the Ship Subsidy bill. Referring to his measure, Senator Frye said, to-day, that the organization of the Morgan shipping syndicate presented a new and urgent reason for the passage of the bill. If the Shipping bill became a law at this session of Congress a sum, conservatively estimated at \$50,000,000, which would be expended by the syndicate for new ships, would be spent in this country and would go to American manufacturers and American workmen. Without the inducement offered by the bill, however, that sum would be expended abroad where cheap labor would permit the construction of the new ships at lower cost. "Congress has an opportunity to save this sum for American industries," said the Senator, "but it remains to be seen if it will improve it, although I sincerely hope it will."

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DELAWARE NOTES

The Kent County Farmers' Institute met in Dover on Thursday.

Milton's Board of Trade expects to secure a new industry for that town.

The inspection of the National Guard began with Company B, at Milford.

G. A. Bisher, of Philadelphia, may locate a paper box manufactory at Laurel. Falling 29 feet from a scaffold, in Townsend, Henry Ferris, a painter, escaped serious injury.

Two rural free delivery routes have been established from Mardella Springs, Sussex County.

Federal Judge Edward G. Bradford, of Wilmington, has returned from a trip to the Bermudas.

Rev. W. G. Keons has been invited to return as pastor of New Castle Methodist Episcopal Church.

Georgetown Council of the National Fraternal Union has been organized, with J. C. Abbott as president.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company have changed the name of the Gordonia Heights Station to Riverside.

There is a scarcity of poultry in Kent County, and canners cannot secure enough to meet their demands.

A council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics was instituted at Williamsville Monday evening.

The schooner Ada, lime laden, owned by Ebe Townsend, sank ashore near Indian River Inlet, is a total loss.

The British steamship Oilfield cleared Wilmington port Monday for Rouen, with a cargo of oil valued at \$84,831.

Rev. S. B. Hiley, of Dover, was made seriously ill by taking a dose of medicine and drinking a glass of hot lemonade.

Newark's Town Council took action on the various applications for privileges by trolley companies which want to build through the town on Monday.

Wilmington Lodge of Elks will hold memorial services to-morrow, when Dr. Swithin Chandler, of Philadelphia, will make the principal address.

Harvey J. Wiley, of the Wilmington Street and Sewer Department, has been elected a member of the Review Committee of the American Improvement Company.

Frederick Snyder, in New Castle County Court, secured a verdict for \$1000 against the Peoples' Railway Company, for running a trolley car into his wagon and injuring him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement B. Reeves, of Delaware City, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday night with many relatives and friends. Mr. Reeves and his father were among the pioneer peach growers of the State.

The Superior Court has directed the sale of the Seventh street bridge to settle a judgement for \$9700 obtained by the Edge Moor Bridge Company against Contractor Patrick Fahy. The county has already paid Fahy about \$17,000 on account for the bridge.

A meeting in the interest of good roads in the State was held at Delaware College Monday, the principal speaker being Henry I. Budd, a road engineer of New Jersey, who explained the system in that State. Francis M. Walker, of Wilmington, made an address, and Dr. A. T. Neale pointed out how the money now spent on roads could be judiciously used, securing much better results. Resolutions were adopted in favor of

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Train Leave Middletown as Follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.30 a. m.
South Bound—1.15, 4.11 and 11.30 a. m.; 2.54
1.15 and 7.30 p. m.
Mails Close as Follows:
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.15 a. m., 3.55 and
6.40 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a. m., 1.40 p. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Seaford, Salisbury and
Dover—1.15 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 6, 1902.

Local News.

Best layer figs 12c per lb at DeValen-
ger's.
Best granulated sugar 5c at DeValen-
ger's.
Cake Coupon Jones & Bradley's
Bread.
Arbuckle coffee 10c per lb at DeValen-
ger's.
Best country lard 2 lbs. 25c at DeValen-
ger's.
Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F.
Ingomar's.
Pure apple cider for mince meat at De-
Valen-ger's.
Bread Coupons on every loaf of Jones &
Bradley's Bread.
A full line of fresh nuts at lowest
prices at DeValen-ger's.
Blue label plum pudding the finest ever
made at DeValen-ger's.
Fine sweet Florida oranges, 25c per
dozen at DeValen-ger's.
TO LOAN.—\$1,000. Address Lock
Box 264, Middletown, Del.
Reserve Bread Coupons. See Jones &
Bradley's ad. in another column.
We guaranteed to save you 30 per cent.
on your grocery bill at DeValen-ger's.
Wait for our Xmas ad. before buying
candy, nuts, fruits and raisins for Xmas.
H. C. DeValen-ger.
FOR SALE.—150 Feet Stone Curbing
J. B. Messick.
Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist,
office Southeast corner of Main and Scott
streets.
Our up-to-date druggist, J. G. Bragdon,
has just finished trimming his beautiful
show windows, and as usual has the
most attractive display in town.
Now is the time to advertise your
Christmas goods, and you cannot find a
better medium than THE MIDDLETOWN
TRANSCRIPT in which to place your ad.
Try it.
Until further notice the Middletown
Public Library will be open on Tuesday
afternoon, from 3.30 to 5; Saturday after-
noons, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings,
from 7 to 8.30.
Every young man who is anxious to
make of himself a successful farmer
should take a business course at Goldie
College, in order that he may know how
to attend to his business affairs.
We have on hand or will order STOVE
REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give
us the number of your stove and the
makers name, and we will give you the
repairs at once.
J. F. McWhorter & Son.
We carry the largest stock of stoves in
town; sell on a guarantee, subject to trial.
See our ad. in this issue for the names of
the leaders that will always be found in
stock subjects to your order.
J. F. McWhorter & Son.
ESTIMATES made on every job of
PAPER-HANGING with pleasure, and
will insure the price lower than the
lowest. Large assortment of samples to
select from. Satisfaction guaranteed.
JOHN E. GINN,
Crawford Street, Middletown, Del.
Middletown Hardware House is our
sole agent, for Middletown and vicinity,
for the sale of our famous "Iron King"
Cook Stove, and all other stoves by
Liberty Stove Co.
Philadelphia, Sept. 27th, 1902.
TO THE PUBLIC: This certifies that the
Middletown Hardware House has the
exclusive sale of our "Othello" Range
and all other stoves of our manufacture,
for Middletown and vicinity.
(Signed)
Othello Range Co.,
Reading Stove Works,
Philadelphia, Sept. 20th, 1902.
We advertise no stoves or other goods,
not kept in stock by us, nor do we sell,
or claim to sell, stoves or other goods for
which others have the sole agency.
MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.
Best home-made mince meat, 10c per
lb. at DeValen-ger's. This is our own
make, made from finest fruits with plenty
of meat and we invite the public to in-
spect it before buying elsewhere.
The first snow of the season fell in this
section Friday morning, and for a short
time it had all appearances of a blizzard,
but fortunately for those who have empty
coal bins, the snow only lasted a short
time.
The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the
Penninsula Horticultural Society, will be
held in the Delaware College Laboratory,
Newark, Tuesday Wednesday and Thurs-
day, January 6th, 7th and 8th, 1903.
The ladies of the Middletown Library
have decided to repeat the sale of cakes,
pies, biscuits, candies, etc., this afternoon
and evening, and the housewife will find
many useful things on sale at their room
over the post office.
Persons who are looking for Christmas
goods will do well to peruse our adver-
tising columns. The business man with
burgins is the one who lets the world
know the fact, and the shrewd business
man of this section all use our columns.
Uncollected Letters.—The following list
of letters remain uncollected in the post
office for the week ending Nov. 27th:
Miss Annie Jines, Miss Mary Robinson,
Rev. J. D. Blackson, W. C. Cochran,
Samuel Gibbs, Thomas Williams, Thom-
as Wilson.
Bethesda Epworth League meets in
the lecture room of the M. E. Church
every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.
Everybody is invited to attend. The
topic for to-morrow evening is: "The
Missionary Uprising of the Young
People." Acts 2:17-18:21. 1 Tim. 4:12-16.
Leader: Mrs. Kate Leatherberry.
The annual Christmas bazaar under the
auspices of the Junior Auxiliary of St.
Annes parish will be held next Saturday,
December 13th, from three to ten o'clock,
at the New Century Club room. Fancy
articles suitable for Christmas presents
will be offered for sale. Ice cream cake
and home-made candy. All invited.

Messrs. Matthews & Daniels have just
completed painting the beautiful home
of Mrs. Joseph Biggs on Cass street.

The twenty-eighth annual session of
the New Castle County Teachers' Insti-
tute will convene in Newark next Wed-
nesday, and remain in session for three
days. Beginning Wednesday our schools
will be closed for the remainder of the
week.

Local merchants are busily engaged in
laying in Christmas goods, expecting a
fine trade during this season. Some ele-
gant lines are now being displayed and
we would advise our readers to look over
what home merchants have to offer be-
fore thinking of city purchase.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., of Bethesda
M. E. Church, will spend Sunday at Rid-
gely, Md., and will occupy the pulpit in
that town. The pulpit at Bethesda will
be occupied by Rev. J. M. Arters, of
Odessa, at the morning services, and in
the evening there will be preaching at
7.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Pauline B. Floyd, Deputy Su-
preme Commissioner, of the Maccabees
is, stopping at the Middletown
Hotel. Mrs. Floyd will endeavor to or-
ganize a branch of the Ladies of the Mac-
cabees in our town, and will be glad to
have anyone interested in the matter to
call on her at the hotel.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be administered in the Forest Free-
byterian Church on Sunday morning,
December 14th. Special services will be
held every evening next week, except
Saturday evening. The Rev. Joseph B.
Turner of Dover, will preach on Thurs-
day and Friday evenings. The Prepara-
tory service will be held on next Satur-
day afternoon at three o'clock, and the
Session will meet immediately after the
Preparatory service, and also on Sunday
morning at 10.15 o'clock, to receive those
desiring to unite with the church.

Mr. G. E. Hukill received two car-
loads of anthracite coal Monday morning,
containing about 50 tons, which was
quickly disposed of at \$7.50 per ton.
Mr. Hukill did not take advantage of the
people, who would have paid \$9.00 per
ton, but preferred to take the usual
profit, and not extort from the an
unreasonable price for something they
were compelled to have, and the people
appreciated the cheapness of the price.
Mr. Hukill is expecting another car load
in a few days, and hopes to be able to
supply all his customers in a short time.

With the change of the time card of
the Delaware Division, which went into
effect Monday morning last, an extra
train was put into service, giving an ad-
ditional train both north and south.
The new train is the morning mail ac-
commodation train, also carrying the
Adams' expressage and newspapers and
arrives here at 8.31. In the afternoon
on its northbound trip it is known as
the "business man's train," leaving Mid-
dletown at 1.56, arriving at Wilmington
at 2.46, it connects with the Washington
express and arrives in Philadelphia at
3.40. Conductor W. H. Lodge of the
D. & C. road is transferred to this train.
There is a slight change in the time of
other trains.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Dr. E. J. Wright was on the Manor
Monday.

Mr. Pierce Berry spent Monday in
Middletown.

The small child's principle thought at
this time is "Santa Claus."

Mr. James Warner, Sr., is lying criti-
cally ill at his home in St. Augustine.
Miss Eva Dean, teacher of school No.
2, spent the holidays with her parents in
Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wooley, of Chesapeake
City, were in Middletown Tuesday on
business.

The farmer that has just butchered had
better guard his meat houses against the
thieves that are ravaging the country.

Thieves have been visiting us, as some-
time ago they visited the pig-pen of Mr.
H. L. Neff, dressed and carried away
six pigs. Sometime previous to that
they visited the farm of Mr. Charles W.
Flintham, dressed and carried away a
sheep. If the rascals could be caught it
would be a good idea to imprison them
for the winter, and thus be rid of them.

DEATH OF MRS. PETER HAGGERTY

The sudden death of Mrs. Peter Haggerty
which occurred at her home in
"Pond's Neck," near Earleville, Md.,
early Sunday morning, was sad indeed,
and the bereaved husband and children
have the sympathy of the entire commu-
nity. Heart trouble was the cause of her
death. Funeral services were held in St.
Paul's Church Wednesday at two o'clock,
interment being made in St. Paul's Cem-
etry.

Consumptives in Delaware

From the press of The Star Publishing
Company, at Wilmington, there has been
issued a valuable publication by Dr. J. J.
Black, of New Castle, a treatise on Con-
sumptives in Delaware. Dr. Black, who
is a member of the College of Physicians
of Philadelphia, takes up the subject of a
State Sanatorium for Consumptives, ad-
vocating the building of the same. For a
little volume of some fifteen pages the
pamphlet is decidedly interesting and
should be carefully gone over in the in-
terest of the poor unfortunate who are
yearly succumbing to that dread disease,
consumption.

Botkin Witnesses

The Delaware witnesses in the Botkin
poisoning case will start for California
January 1st, as the case is to come up at
the first week of the new year. The fol-
lowing will go from Dover: J. D. Deane,
Miss Lila Deane, Miss Josephine Bateman,
Dr. P. D. Downs, Dr. A. H. Bishop, Miss
Lizzie Kemp and Miss Ethel Millington.
Attorney-General Ward will not go, and
the impression is that Delaware should
have someone to go along to defend the
interests of Delaware, as long as Califor-
nia bears so much of the expenses.

The State Library Commission

The State Library Commission of Dela-
ware has yet a number of traveling li-
braries which it can loan to library as-
sociations in forming communities, schools,
study clubs, granges and small villages.
Each library contains about fifty volumes
of interesting books. It may remain in
a community for three months, with
privilege of renewal, and must then be
returned to the Commission. Address all
inquiries to the State Library Commis-
sion, Dover, Delaware.

PERSONALITIES

Mrs. J. B. Ginn spent Sunday in Town-
send.

Mrs. Anna Heaton is visiting Smyrna
friends.

Mr. Otis Allen spent part of this week
in town.

Mrs. John Byron spent Thursday in
Wilmington.

Mr. Albert Massey spent Monday in
Philadelphia.

Miss Fannie Burston was a Philadel-
phia visitor this week.

Mrs. James L. Warren is visiting rela-
tives in New York City.

Miss Mattie Roberts has returned from
a visit to Wilmington friends.

Mrs. Clara Green spent several days
this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Parker were in the
Quaker City on Wednesday.

Mr. Leon De Valinger, of Wilmington,
is spending several days at his home
here.

Mrs. W. Reese Parker and children are
spending sometime with her parents at
Dover.

Miss Mary Harris, of Seaford, spent
Tuesday with the Misses Jones of Lake
street.

Mrs. Sarah Elison, and son, Harry
are visiting her nephew, Mr. Walter S.
Letherbury.

Mrs. W. W. Van Sant, of Wilmington,
is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Alfred Green.

Mr. George S. Hopkins has secured the
position as District Superintendent of this
section for the Home Life Insurance
Co., of Wilmington, and entered upon his
new duties this week. Mr. Hopkins
has been in the insurance business for
several years, and is well qualified for
the position.

Mrs. J. C. Stites gave a delightful tea
yesterday afternoon in honor of her
guests, Miss Tracy, of Towanda, Pa., and
Miss Maude McDaniel, of Dover. Mrs.
T. H. Gilpin and Miss Martha C. Heston
assisted in receiving. Misses Doris Price,
Marie Nowland, and Edith Derrickson
assisted in the dining room. About
forty guests were present.

Mr. W. Reese Parker who has been on
the sick list for the past month, has im-
proved sufficiently to be out again and
left Friday for Gunberry, N. C., where
he will be the guest of his friend Mr.
William Trenchard. While away Mr.
Parker will visit several of the large
cities in the South, and his vacation will
undoubtedly give him a much needed
rest.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

J. Cleaver Bryan spent Saturday near
Smyrna.

Mrs. E. E. Ecker spent part of this
in Wilmington.

Mrs. M. J. Gray spent the day in Wil-
mington on Tuesday.

Miss Annie Jones is visiting her
brother near Smyrna.

Miss Sara Milligan spent Sunday with
friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Edward Webb, of Odessa, visited
friends here on Tuesday.

James White, of Middletown, spent
Sunday with his family here.

Miss Mabel Jones spent part of last
week with Miss Beulah Dolson.

Mrs. J. C. Stuckert is entertaining her
cousin, Miss Wister, of Baltimore, Md.

Misses Mary and Hattie Roberts spent
Sunday with relatives in Middletown.

Mrs. Clarence Pool, of McDonough,
visited her mother, Mrs. A. N. Sutton on
Monday.

Miss Ida Wright entertained the Misses
Clough, of Wilmington, several days
last week.

Mrs. Fredus Vanheckle, of Port Penn,
was entertained by Mrs. James White
on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carrow entertained
Mr. and Mrs. Loper, of Wilmington, on
Thanksgiving.

P. E. Rev. Robert Watt will preach in
the Methodist Church on to-morrow
morning at 10.30.

Miss Florence Jamison, of Philadelphia,
spent Sunday with her parents, Clarence
Jamison and wife.

Miss Annie Straub, of Farnhurst, spent
Saturday and Sunday with her mother,
Mrs. Annie Straub.

The Third Quarterly Conference of the
M. E. Church will be held on Saturday
afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. H. C. Dolson, Miss Mabel Jones,
Miss Summers and Miss Beulah Dolson
spent Friday in Middletown.

The Epworth League is preparing for
a "Bake" to be held in the near future,
for the benefit of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Charles Robinson has returned
from a several weeks visit with her
daughter, Mrs. Edward Webb near
Odessa.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E.
Church held its monthly meeting at the
home of Mrs. J. W. Carrow, Jr., on
Thursday afternoon.

Prof. Randolph Pratt attended the
wedding of Miss Sallie Frazier and Her-
bert Davis at Kenton on Wednesday
evening and officiated as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roemmel who
have been visiting her parents, Rev. J.
R. Milligan and wife, started for their
home in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sunday.

J. B. Nelson and wife, Mrs. Samuel
Hamman, Mrs. Harry Buckson and son,
Newlin, attended a family gathering at
Kennedyville on Thanksgiving, at the
residence of I. Cleaver.

Word was received here to-day of the
death of Mr. William G. Hollis, at his
home in Philadelphia. Mr. Hollis has
been a summer visitor here for a number
of years and was a general favorite.

ODESSA NOTES

Mr. Werner L. Lewis was the guest of
his brother over Sunday.

Miss Amanda Austin, of Wilmington,
spent Thursday with Odessa friends.

The Misses Williams and Miss Velma
Moore were Philadelphia visitors on
Monday.

Dr. W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of
the Eastern District, will occupy the pulpit
of the M. E. Church to-morrow.

Mrs. Clara Green, of Middletown, ac-
companied by Mrs. F. B. Watkins and
daughters spent several days this week
in Philadelphia.

The steamer "Clío" was slightly dis-
abled on her trip Monday, rendering it
necessary for her to go to the shipyard
for repairs. She got into Odessa on
Thursday and made her usual trip on
Thursday evening.

The second of the series of entertain-
ments under the auspices of the Epworth
League was a lecture "Will it Take?"
given in the Town Hall Tuesday night
by Dr. George Hindley. It was one of
the most pleasing lectures ever given in
the town. It abounded with wit and
common sense, alternated so rapidly that
it was almost impossible for the average
mind to grasp the points as fast as they
were given.

Odessa Public Schools

The following pupils were reported to
the Board of Education Wednesday
night as deserving special commendation
for deportment and progress in their
work.

School No. 1.—Hettie Carpenter, Mar-
garet McCoy, Helen Townsend, Emma
Carpenter, Mary Aspril, Alice McCoy,
Addie Pennington, Minnie Armstrong,
Frank Gremminger, Martha Cochran,
Elwood Taylor, Fred Kielkoff, Lulu Vin-
yard, Beulah Cleaver, John Egnear.

School No. 2.—Gertrude Wallace,
Percy Wallace, Harry Kumpel, Henry
Bignear, Frank Kean, Janette Watkins,
Ethel Ward, Elsie Muhlbarger, Ashton
Cleaver.

School No. 3.—Emma Pennington,
Mary Carpenter, Helen Watkins, Lee
Heller, Mally Davis, Charles Clothier,
Wilbert Ward, James Carpenter, Andrew
Miller, Alice Croft, Addie Davis, Mary
Evans, Rose Evans, Walter Wiest, George
Kielkoff, Elsie McCloskey.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mr. R. D. Aikens spent Monday in
Baltimore.

Mr. A. C. Reynolds spent Monday in
Philadelphia.

Junior Christian Endeavor prayer
meeting to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

There was no service at the M. P.
Church last Sunday on account of the
inclemency of the weather.

Senior Christian Endeavor to-morrow
evening. Topic: "Do I Discourage others."
Mark. 10:45-5; Number 13:26-33.

Warwick Public Schools

The following pupils have attained the
average of 90 per cent. and over for the
month of November.

SECOND GRADE
Francis Marsh.....91
THIRD GRADE
Lester Bishop.....100
Bertha Lynch.....95.2
Josephine Aiken.....94.2

FOURTH GRADE
Thomas Carroll.....98.4
Viola Hall.....97.4
Jesse Vinyard.....96.2
Edward Brown.....95.6
Eola Vinyard.....94.6
Mamie Merritt.....93.7

FIFTH GRADE
Stella Bishop.....90.3
Grace Brown.....90.2
Josie Stearns.....90.1
Willie Aiken.....97.1
Ella Lockerman.....97.1
George Short.....91.6

SIXTH GRADE
Ethel Vinyard.....99.9
Eccleston Mearns.....99.3
SEVENTH GRADE B
Clara Duryea.....99.8
Edgar Bishop.....99
Paul Marsh.....98
Bessie Marshall.....97.9

SEVENTH GRADE A
Bessie Bishop.....99.1

TOWNESEND NOTES

Dr. T. A. Enos visited Philadelphia on
Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph Jones visited Wilmington
on Wednesday.

Miss Ethelwyn J. Maloney spent Sat-
urday and Sunday in Dover.

Mr. Martin Burris, of Middletown,
was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. D. P. Antichison is visiting Miss
Maude Castle at Riverton, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Weldon spent
several days in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. John Latomus, of Wilmington,
is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.
M. Smith.

Mrs. W. N. Watts and her daughter,
Mrs. D. B. Jones, spent Tuesday in Mid-
dletown.

Mrs. Samuel Brockson, of near Black-
bird, spent Wednesday with her mother,
Mrs. Alexander Latomus.

Mr. Charles Larrimore, one of the car-
penters employed in building the new
M. E. Church, visited his home in Sea-
ford on Saturday and Sunday.

In a shooting contest between some of
our local marksmen Mr. D. P. Hutchison
won the first prize. Mr. W. A. Scott
broke 7 out of 10 clay pigeons; Mr. Isaac
Taylor, 8 out of 10; Mr. John Townsend,
8 out of 10, and Mr. D. P. Hutchison, 9
out of 10.

Mr. B. G. Lockerman noticed some
strangers prowling around his stables on
Saturday night and when he went to
investigate, found that they had placed a
ladder against the building and tried
open the door to the stable loft, but the
man had disappeared. He afterward
arrested one of them on the street and
placed him in the lock-up until Monday
morning, when he was given a trial
before Squire Bratton, but as nothing
could be proven against him he was re-
leased.

FLAMES DESTROY WORKHOUSE

Fire Saturday night destroyed the en-
tire east wing of the New Castle County
workhouse at Greenbank, near Wilming-
ton, containing all the working equip-
ment and valuable machinery of that in-
stitution. During the excitement of the
fire "Bucky" Cunningham, one of the
prisoners, jumped through a window of
the residence portion of the building, tak-
ing the cash out with him and escaped.
Cunningham is a notorious character and
had made two previous attempts to escape.
The flames had gained considerable head-
way by the time the Wilmington fire com-
panies assigned to the work arrived on
the scene. The loss is fully \$30,000,
which is partially covered by insurance.
The origin of the fire is unknown. The
work of rebuilding has already com-
menced.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.
Wheat—No. 1.....71 | Corn..... 45
No. 2.....69 | Yellow, shelled 40
Timothy Seed \$2.65 | Oats..... 39
Clover Seed 10c | Middletown Produce Market
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz..... 26@28
Country Butter, per lb..... 24@26
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 36
Lard, per lb..... 12@15
Live Chickens, per lb..... 10@12
Potatoes, per basket..... 25@30

Delaware College,

Newark, Delaware.

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Course in Agriculture covering
the Winter Term will begin on
January 12, 1903, and last
until March 27.

A good common school education
all the preparation required. In-
struction very practical.

For catalogues and other in-
formation Address,
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make the little

folks happy.

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Shingles, Lath and

Pickets. Mill Work

of all kinds in stock

and to order. Build-

ing and Agricul-

THE SHADOW THAT CAME BETWEEN.

BY ADELE E. THOMPSON.

"ELEN, dear I have something to tell you."

"Yes, Robert," and her lip trembled a little, unseen by him, and her voice was bravely cheerful.

"Can you?" and the happy look on the boy's face, such a boy's face, full for all its twenty-five years, grew still brighter.

"Of course, I have written you about Lillian, the dearest girl in the world; but it seems so wonderful to think that she loves me as dearly as I do her, and I wanted you to be the first to hear it," and Helen listened while he sang a lover's praises, and smiling, hid the little pain in her heart that would come with the realization that this only brother had found one nearer than herself.

"There have always been two of us," he concluded, "you and I; but now there will be three, Lillian, you and I."

"No, Robert," she said, even more cheerfully than before, "there will be two still, Lillian and you."

"Nonsense, Helen," he protested hotly. "Nobody is ever going to crowd you out; we have come too near each other for that. Everything has come so quickly, and we have had so much to talk about ourselves, that I have not said to you, 'I mean to.' But when I come to tell Lillian all you have been to me, and mother and sister both, and all I owe to you through these years, I know that she will love you as well as I do. And one thing especially I want you to understand; when I have a home, you have one, too. Helen's room is to be a part of the house, and Helen is to share in it. I have had this in mind all my life."

Helen smiled a little dubiously, she could not say to him that someone else would have opinions and a voice concerning the home; and she had no desire by look or word to mar the few hours they were to have together after an absence of months.

A few evenings later and Lillian was holding out her slim white hands in welcome to Robert, after the first blush of her love's young life. "Why were you gone so long?" she chided, with a charming point of the curved red lip. "I thought you would never come back."

"Why, Lillian," he answered, "I cut my trip everywhere. Just think, I only spent one day with Helen, dear Helen, the very best sister any man ever had. I have never told you the half how much she has been to me, or how dear she is to me. I am anxious for the time when you shall know her and love her as well as I do."

And then, to his great bewilderment, Lillian was clinging to him, sobbing piteously. "Oh, Robert, I cannot bear it. All the time you were gone your letters were full of Helen, and now that you have come back the first thing is Helen. It makes me so unhappy, how unhappy you don't know. I love you so, and I want you to love me best of all the world."

"Why, Lillian, darling, I do," he protested, drawing the blonde head close to him.

"If you did you wouldn't talk so much of Helen. I know she is ever so much better than I am; but it just kills me to have you. I don't want anything in this world, not even her, to come between us."

Robert was young and very much the lover, and the tear-wet face so near his own was fair and sweetly appealing. It was flattering, and he was so loved, and he answered tenderly: "Look up, Lillian, love; you are more to me than ten sisters—than all the world beside." And after that he was a little careful in the mention of Helen's name.

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"There are two things I want," Robert said, when the time came for selecting the home-nest, "a room for Helen when she comes to see us"—of her living with them he said nothing; "that can come in later," was his reflection—"and a den for myself."

"Of course we shall have a guest-chamber," answered Lillian, a trifle listless; "but what do you want a den for?"

"Oh, for a spot of my own; besides, I have it in my mind to write a book sometime, and I'd like a corner where I could do it."

"I don't believe I'll let you," said the shadow of the little Helen he had loved, and he learned to know crows her face. "I've heard that men who write books care more for them than anything else, and it would make me perfectly wretched to have your heart in a stupid book."

Helen did not come for the wedding; but after they were settled in their home, yielding to Robert's repeated letters, she went on for a visit. Lillian received her with a sweet smile, so subtle as to be felt rather than observed, and took her to her room. "It is not yet quite as I hope to have it," she said with an accent of apology; "but as you were only going to stay such a little while, I was sure you would not mind." And then she went on to speak with pretty concern of Helen's journey and her fatigue; surely there was no claw here to inflict a wound—nothing but the softest velvet.

Robert had built such hopes on the results of this visit; but somehow, if he began to talk to Helen of the days when they were alone in the world together, Lillian was apt to develop a headache that shut her up in her room; and if Lillian petted him in her old loving way, Helen would show her displeasure by punishing him with a cold if not sulky silence, that made the household atmosphere anything but cheerful.

Helen's visit was short, and at its end it is hard to say which of the trio was the most relieved. "Robert," she was standing beside Helen on the platform waiting for the train—"you know how gladly I would be a sister to Lillian if she needed me, I have wanted to be so now; but she will get over it by and by." And as the train

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"Do not think that I blame you alone for this; I blame myself, even more, for seeing it I weakly yielded, that I was not strong enough, clear-sighted enough, to have crushed it for you as you would have not for yourself, but as it is, it has spoiled my home and marred my happiness, and filled my heart with remorseful memories."

"You say that I have changed. It is because I have thought of these things since then as I never did before, and have come to some conclusions that it were well for both of us had I done so long ago. In the future I shall give to you, as I have always had it in my heart to do, the best of my love and confidence and care; but at the same time I shall remember that I have my own life to live, and give to it duties and claims which I feel they deserve. You ask me, Lillian, what has come between us. It is the only thing that ever could have come—yourself."

She had looked her hold on him and dropped into a chair; he bent and gently kissed her and left the room.

For once Lillian's usual flow of words failed her. If there had been a trace of passion in his tone—but there was none—it was the pitiless calmness of the words that had chilled her heart with an icy touch. Heavy draperies at the windows shut out the wintry storm outside; in the grate the fire glowed red; warmth and light were all about her; but she shivered in her midst. And this was her Robert; who had used his words with, it seemed to her, as little of ruth as an executioner's sword. Listening, she followed his steps as they passed up the stairs; then the door of his study closed, and her sharp cry to her mother, "What has come between us? It is yourself!"—Lillian's words.

Lillian wrote him a letter full of love and sympathy; she said to everyone, "Dear Helen, how I love it." At the same time down in her heart there was a little feeling that she never put into words or even concrete thought—now he is wholly mine.

But not entirely hers; there was the little Helen. And as she child grew beyond the years when she could be conveniently put to sleep or sent to the nursery, loving, lovable, always ready to spring into her father's arms, the baneful root in Lillian's heart took a fresh start. Every care she gave to Nellie she felt herself defrauded of; every word a robbing of her right; to herself she said she could not bear it, that her own child should come between them, and at times she almost hated the child for it.

Nellie was too young to understand this; she only felt her mother's lack of love and turned the more to the love of her father. But Robert was not so blind, and when he saw that she was made to suffer for too open fondness on his part, he grew cautious, a caution for her sake that Nellie often mistook for indifference, and grieved over in her loving little heart.

One day there was white craps on the door, and a white caset was carried out of their home. Lillian was shocked; she had not thought the child even seriously sick; indeed she had dragged Robert from her bedside to a visit club, and when she saw the white craps, she knew that the child was crying herself to sleep for "Papa."

Lillian asked many tears, she felt the keen stress of grief; but yet deep down, far deeper than at Helen's death, lay the thought that would hardly have owned to herself, but was none the less apparent, that now, for the first time, Robert was here alone, no longer was there right or claim beside.

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MARYLAND NOTES

There was sleighing at Hagerstown Monday.

The fifth annual meeting of the Maryland Horticultural Society will be held in Baltimore on December 18th and 19th.

The total cost of the election contests in Kent County amounted to \$140, which was paid by the Republican contestants, who lost their case.

Rev. Robert K. Stephenson, pastor of the Elkton M. E. Church, who was severely injured by being thrown from a bicycle several weeks ago, was able to officiate at last Sunday's services.

In the Talbot County Circuit Court Monday a jury returned a verdict for the defendant in the suit of A. S. Groves against Mrs. Lydia C. Shaw, of Chestertown, for \$500 damages for false arrest and damage to his character.

The new Methodist Protestant Church at Lynch's was dedicated Sunday, the sermon being preached by Rev. F. H. Lewis, of Baltimore. The church was erected at a cost of \$2500, and replaces one recently destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Jacob Toms, widow of the founder of the Toms Institute, at Port Deposit, has presented to the trustees of the Toms Memorial M. E. Church the old public school building as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nesbitt. This building was originally the Methodist Church, dedicated in 1839.

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Papers will be presented and discussed by members at their regular monthly meeting, and leading technical journals will also be submitted. By the latter, members will be kept in close touch with the latest practice, and consequently many points of interest and value will be observed. Besides this, the College has arranged for a series of lectures by prominent engineers, which will be given under the auspices of the Society. These lectures, together with the more important of the papers of its members, will appear in the "Annual Proceedings" of the Society, to be published at the close of each season.

Membership in the Society includes all students in the Senior and Junior classes in the Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering courses. At present the students in these courses constitute 57 per cent of the total college enrollment. Their proportion relative to the entire student body, having increased steadily during the past few years. This is not the case at Delaware College alone, but a proportional increase in technical students is noted in all colleges throughout the country, wherever engineering courses are offered. The primary cause for this seems to lie in the fact that technical courses supply just that useful practical knowledge so much demanded by the commercial and industrial world at present. Commercial and Industrial pursuits are no longer looked upon as inferior spheres of activity to the so-called learned professions. For it is now realized that the former may engage all the higher intellectual faculties and develop all sides of the character as well as the latter. And the education which fits a young man to follow these pursuits, is therefore the more valuable in that it enables its possessor to realize his facilities in acts which make, for the increased power and strength, the nation at large. In fact the prospect of American industrial supremacy is causing no small amount of anxiety in our English cousins, and in their efforts to account for it, they have pretty generally concluded that it is the result of our system of technical education. As the *Saturday Review*, London, recently put it,—"The American ideal is to make America the leader in all the departments of practical life, and the education of the young American is to be directed mainly to that end. To do things, to be observant and quick of eye, to be ingenious in contrivance, to be clever, in manipulating all kinds of material from early years in order that school life may be a graded process leading up to the actual business of life, is the system which American educationists are most intent on establishing for the budding American industrialist. There are advocates of the old classical drill; but they are a diminishing quantity, and the Universities are making wide their gates to admit the new classes of pupils."

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